

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
AUGUST 1, 2014
DRAFT MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Counseling ("Board") convened on Friday, August 1, 2014, at 9:19 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA, Board Room 1.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Mullen, LPC
Joseph Scislowicz, LPC, LMFT

STAFF PRESENT: Catherine Chappell, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Licensing Manager
Peter Oppen, Adjudication Specialist, APD

MATTER SCHEDULED: Aimee Hatcher, LPC
Case No.: 136900

DISCUSSION: Ms. Hatcher and her attorney, Gerald Canaan, II, Esquire, appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a notice dated April 16, 2014, to review allegations that she may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of professional counseling in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Ms. Hatcher.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a Motion by Mr. Scislowicz and duly seconded by Ms. Mullen, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Aimee Hatcher, LPC. Additionally, he moved that Catherine Chappell, Jennifer Lang and Peter Oppen attend the closed meeting because their presence was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.

RECONVENE: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISIONS: Upon a motion by Mr. Scislowicz, and duly seconded by Ms. Mullen, the Committee voted to dismiss the case against Aimee Hatcher, LPC.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Patricia Mullen, LPC, Chairperson

Catherine Chappell, Executive Director

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CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Counseling ("Board") convened on Friday, August 1, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA, Board Room 1.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Mullen, LPC
Joseph Scislowicz, LPC, LMFT

STAFF PRESENT: Catherine Chappell, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Licensing Manager
Peter Oppen, Adjudication Specialist, APD

MATTER SCHEDULED: James Jacobs, Ph.D., LMFT Reinstatement Applicant
Case No.: 152650

DISCUSSION: Dr. Jacobs and his attorney, Neil Kuchinsky, Esquire, appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a notice dated June 5, 2014, to review and consider his application for reinstatement of his license to practice as a marriage and family therapist in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Committee fully discussed the application with Dr. Jacobs and received witness testimony from Thomas Petrey, LCSW, CSOTP.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a Motion by Mr. Scislowicz and duly seconded by Ms. Mullen, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Kenneth Wells. Additionally, he moved that Catherine Chappell, Jennifer Lang and Peter Oppen attend the closed meeting because their presence was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.

RECONVENE: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISIONS: Upon a motion by Mr. Scislowicz, and duly seconded by Ms. Mullen, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and voted to grant Dr. Jacobs' petition for reinstatement with terms and conditions, for not less than one (1) year.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Patricia Mullen, LPC, Chairperson

Catherine Chappell, Executive Director

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CALL TO ORDER: A Special Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Board of Counseling ("Board") convened on Friday, August 1, 2014, at 12:52 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA, Board Room 1.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Mullen, LPC
Joseph Scislowicz, LPC, LMFT

STAFF PRESENT: Catherine Chappell, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Licensing Manager
Peter Oppen, Adjudication Specialist, APD

MATTER SCHEDULED: Kenneth Wells, LPC Reinstatement Applicant
Case No.: 154827

DISCUSSION: Mr. Wells appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a notice dated June 5, 2014, to review and consider his application for reinstatement, as well as allegations that he may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of professional counseling in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. Wells was not represented by legal counsel. The Committee fully discussed the application and allegations contained in the Notice with Mr. Wells, and received witness testimony from Laurie Wells, Ed Keyes and Brian Bowden.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a Motion by Mr. Scislowicz and duly seconded by Ms. Mullen, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Kenneth Wells. Additionally, he moved that Catherine Chappell, Jennifer Lang and Peter Oppen attend the closed meeting because their presence was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.

RECONVENE: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISIONS: Upon a motion by Mr. Scislowicz, and duly seconded by Ms. Mullen, the Committee made certain Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law, and voted to deny the reinstatement application of Kenneth Wells.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Patricia Mullen, LPC, Chairperson

Catherine Chappell, Executive Director

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